



BELLERBY NORTH YORKSHIRE

Clerk's report following 7th October 2019 meeting

Follow up to matters arising:

Handyman

The handyman has taken the benches for removal or clean up. The bench at the Sycamore tree was found to be rotting so is to be replaced. The bench in front of Boar House has been cleaned and put back in place. The branch overhanging the location for the phone box has been removed.

Repairing the sign is a two-man job and he is awaiting the return of his assistant to complete it. He has requested that he can order a skip for removal of the rubble.

Electric Connection

Npower have requested a copy of the village management plan. This has been submitted.

The work was scheduled to commence on the 2nd of December. The installation of an electrical kiosk for the meter has been arranged with the handyman however he was unable to meet the scheduled date so the installation has been deferred to January 2020.

Due to the need for a kiosk it has been agreed that the kiosk be placed at the road edge with the Telephone kiosk being sited at the other end of the noticeboard.

The contract and completed Direct Debit form have been forwarded for Eon to provide a meter and supply the electricity for three years.

Memorial Hall

The Parish Council have received a response from Scott Wright's Solicitors.

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Emergency Committee

Meeting details have been circulated separately.

Quotes and advice has been requested for three areas of the beck and Mill Race.

Details attached.

Details for the camera work have now been received. The work is scheduled for Monday 25th November 2019.

The attached survey map is not exhaustive with some areas identified as problem areas not marked but are to be included

Details attached.

A donation has been received from Finghall Methodist Church. A letter of thanks has been sent.

Richmond Motor Club are offering a donation to Parish Councils and Swaledale Mountain Rescue. The clerk has sent an email to accept.

Community Investment Fund

Richmondshire District Council's new £300,000 grant scheme to fund community and social projects will be opened in late October. They are still finalising the process/paperwork to be used. The Clerk is on the mailing list to receive information once this goes live.

Urban grass cutting payments 2020/21

Our current records indicate that the County Council provides a funding contribution to your Parish Council for carrying out the urban visibility grass cutting in your parish. For 2020/21 we will make payments in a similar way to this year and will supply a purchase order to your parish in summer 2020, so that you can invoice the County Council.

The funding for grass cutting of urban highway visibility splays to your parish will be £44.78.

Please notify NYCC by 1st December 2019

Precept

The Parish Precept meeting was held on the 13th November 2019. The precept demand for 2020/21 has been requested by 8th January 2019. The Tax Base for Bellerby for 2019/20 is £189.83.

Cllr Angie Dale has offered to attend a Parish Council.

Planning applications received and circulated:

19/00170/FULL: Full Planning Permission for 4 No 3 Bedroom Terraced Cottages. Courtyard to Rear with Garages and Parking for Cottages at Land To The South Of Fern Cottage, Leyburn Road, Bellerby, Leyburn, North Yorkshire, DL8 5QH for comment by 7th November 2019.

Planning Decisions Received:

19/00570/FULL: Full Planning Permission for Re-Building of Porch to South Elevation West Winds DL8 5QX – **GRANTED.**

19/00634/FULL: Full Planning Permission for Proposed Small Stone Lean-to Extension to an Existing Barn Creating a Weather/Wind Break Between the Outdoors and Living Accommodation Ellen Garth South Moor Lane DL8 5JU – **GRANTED.**

19/00418/LBC: Listed Building Consent to Allow Retention of Window on East Elevation and Painting of Window Frames Lead Grey (Dulux) (As Amended by Email Dated 20th August 2019) Windrush Moor Road DL8 5QX – **GRANTED.**

19/00419/VAR: Variation of Condition 1 of Planning Permission Ref. 17/00452/FULL to Allow Retention of Window on East Elevation and Painting of Window Frames Lead Grey (Dulux) (As Amended by Email Dated 20th August 2019) Windrush Moor Road DL8 5QX – **GRANTED.**

Received from RDC**Richmondshire District Council launch fund to make homes warmer**

I am reaching out from [YES Energy Solutions](#) regarding a new energy efficiency scheme by Richmondshire District Council.

The council have funding available to eligible Richmondshire residents for new boilers, central heating and insulation installs, which will be fully funded in most cases.

Please see the council's [press release](#), as well as this [press article](#) to find out more.

I hope this is of interest to you and you can support the scheme.

I would encourage you to publish an article on the scheme on your parish council's website or newsletter – I can offer additional resources and support for this.

We are working with [Gill Andrews](#) from Richmondshire District Council to market this scheme, if you have any questions please get in touch.

Received from YLCA

YLCA AND NALC MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FEES FOR 2020/2021

As you are aware, a Council or Parish Meeting that subscribes to the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations, also subscribes to membership of the National Association of Local Councils. This is a constitutional arrangement. At its October meeting, the YLCA Joint Executive Board agreed to increase its element of the membership subscription by 1.5% and the National Association AGM agreed to raise its pence per elector (ppe) charge from 6.99ppe to 7.20ppe from 1 April 2020. This results in an average increase of 2.25% on the total fee for year 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.

Fees are based on the number of electors in a parish and the calculation is affected by rises and decreases in electorate numbers in a parish. We obtain electorate figures from the principal authorities for the purposes of subscription calculation in December each year.

General Election 12 December 2019 – Guidance for local councils

The YLCA would like all councils to be aware of the arrangements for the pre-election period (purdah) prior to the General Election, which starts when Parliament is dissolved on 6 November.

White Rose Update

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WOODLAND TRUST – TREE CHARTER DAY AND FREE TREES!

Join NALC, The Woodland Trust and the National Union of Students in The Big Climate Fight Back by hosting a tree planting event on the 30 November. As Tree Charter members, you are entitled to free trees from The Woodland Trust for these events!

Please let NALC know how many trees you will need for your event and where you would like the trees to be delivered. They will arrive near to Tree Charter Day by post. You don't need to have a tree for every person. Instead, focus on getting the right number of trees for the space available.

LOCAL COUNCILS & VE DAY 75 - 8TH MAY 2020

Local Councils are being encouraged to take part in the 'Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW 2' and the ringing of church bells as part of the nationwide 'Ringing Out for Peace' on the 8th May 2020 - VE Day.

Please find further information attached for the council's consideration and go to www.veday75.org to register the council's involvement.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION – NEW GUIDE TO TACKLE LONLINESS

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NALC LEGAL TOPIC NOTE 22 ' DISCIPLINARY AND GRIEVANCE ARRANGEMENTS' - UPDATES AND REVISED TEMPLATES

We have now received the National Associations of Local Councils updated Legal Topic Note 22 'Disciplinary and Grievance Arrangements'

The disciplinary process is how councils can deal with concerns about employee conduct and/or poor performance

The grievance process is how employees raise work relate concerns with the council (as the employer) or where their concerns are about a councillor, with the principal authority.

Policing

Dales Police Report

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Friends Against Scams - Free Call Blockers

For those of you have been to one of my presentations, you will note the importance I place on protecting your home phone. Nearly 50% of all frauds reported to North Yorkshire Police, the initial contact between the fraudster and victim is via the telephone. You would not dream of going of leaving your house or car without making sure it was secure, so in this day and age why would you have a telephone that does not have call screening or call blocking functions? I am very familiar with this device and know how effective it is at blocking unwanted calls. See below for details on how to apply.

Andy Fox.

Financial Abuse Safeguarding Officer, North Yorkshire Police

Put a stop to these calls and become #ScamAware with a free trueCall call blocker from Friends Against Scams! Apply today at: www.FriendsAgainstScams.org.uk/CallBlocker

Stay Safe On Line

The Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers (USDAW) have a Staying Safe Online course which they have shared with me and is well worth 20 minutes of your time to increase your knowledge. Visit www.usdaw.org.uk/safeonline where you will be sent a link by email to complete the course and test your knowledge

Telephone Scams

The most common type of fraud reported to North Yorkshire Police is where the victim is contacted on the telephone by someone claiming to be from the police, or the tax office or a tech company who then persuade you to go to the bank or log on to your online banking. This is an excellent and easy to follow guide on how best to safeguard yourselves. Please share amongst your contacts. The more people we educate, the better protected we are <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fy-RSQfwLDw>

Health

County Durham and Tees Valley Clinical Commissioning Groups confirm merger plans

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NHS HAMBLETON, RICHMONDSHIRE AND WHITBY CCG

I am delighted to be able to tell you that we have today received approval, with conditions, from NHS England/Improvement to merge the three CCGs – NHS Hambleton Richmondshire and Whitby CCG, NHS Harrogate and Rural District CCG, NHS Scarborough and Ryedale CCG – on 1 April 2020 to create the North Yorkshire CCG.

Friarage Hospital Consultation

Richmondshire District Council's Scrutiny Committee is currently preparing a response to the Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby CCG's consultation on future urgent treatment provision at the Friarage Hospital, Northallerton. The Chairman has asked me to contact parish clerks with details of the consultation so that local councils may either respond directly or provide comments to include in Scrutiny's response before 6th December 2019.

Details of the proposals and how to respond can be found here: <https://www.southtees.nhs.uk/friarage/>

If you would like to feedback comments to the Council's Scrutiny Committee then you can do so by emailing them to: overview.scrutiny@richmondshire.gov.uk

GP advice on how to stay well this winter

With winter just around the corner, NHS Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby CCG are advising local residents on the best ways to stay well during the cold weather.

There are a number of effects the winter can have, and they are not just physical, the colder weather and shorter days can also affect your mental health.

NHS Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby CCG, Governing Body member and Local GP, Dr George Campbell has a lot of useful tips to help you stay well this winter.

Be aware of norovirus

'Norovirus outbreaks are more common this time of year, there is no specific treatment for norovirus, but you can take steps to ease your symptoms. If you've got sickness and diarrhoea, stay hydrated.

'Don't see your GP unless symptoms persist more than a few days, the best ways to avoid catching norovirus is wash your hands thoroughly after using the toilet. Last but not least, norovirus can leave you contagious 48 hours after the symptoms go, so please avoid hospitals and care homes.'

Get your flu vaccination

'The best way to stay protected against the flu is to get the vaccination, the jab is free for pregnant women, over 65's and those with underlying health conditions. If you have a child ages 2 – 3 they are entitled to a free flu nasal spray to keep them protected.

'If you are experiencing flu like symptoms, please seek advice from your pharmacist before it gets more serious. If you want to book a vaccination please contact your GP practice.'

Use the right service

'If it is not an emergency, you can get medical advice 24/7 by using the NHS 111 service, they have trained medical professionals available who can direct you to the most appropriate medical care.

'If you want to speak to someone face to face you don't always have to wait for an appointment with your doctor. Your local pharmacy can provide clinical advice for minor health conditions common over the winter period such as coughs, colds, sore throats, tummy trouble and aches and pains.'

Keep a stock of useful medicines

'It is important to keep a stock of over the counter medicines in your home over the Christmas period as your local surgery or pharmacy may not be open.

'These remedies could include basic painkillers like aspirin, ibuprofen and paracetamol, cough syrup and antacids that are all available at your local supermarket.'

Look out for yourself and others

'The colder weather and shorter days can affect your mental health, get out in the sunshine if you can, even short bursts can improve your mental wellbeing.

'Older neighbours and relatives are more vulnerable in the winter months and may need a bit of extra help to stay well, make sure you keep in touch and check in on them when you can.'

There is further advice on self-care on Hambleton Richmondshire and Whitby CCG website.

Innovative new programme to prevent 'shaken baby syndrome' launches across the region

Last week saw the regional launch of an innovative new programme to support parents manage normal infant crying and to prevent abusive head trauma injuries to babies caused by shaking, also referred to as 'shaken baby syndrome'. 'ICON – Babies Cry, You can Cope' (ICON) is an evidenced-based programme designed to help parents and carers understand the normal crying pattern of young infants and to help them develop successful coping mechanisms to deal with this.

More information and resources to support the ICON project are available on the dedicated ICON website at <http://iconcope.org/>.

Environment

One year ago this week, the world's leading climate scientists declared that, unless we all take urgent action within the next decade, we risk unavoidable and catastrophic climate change.

Since then, we have seen local authorities and town and parish councils across the country have declared climate emergencies.

Communities are coming together to plan and deliver the deep changes needed at every level to reduce our climate impact.

At Friends of the Earth, we are committed to supporting local communities achieve these changes at the pace and scale demanded by the scientific evidence.

As part of this support, we have launched a [20 point guide for town and parish councils](#) on tackling climate change.

This guide is packed with positive solutions on how to engage your community, how to use your buildings, land and fleet to improve your climate performance and how to exercise your powers and responsibility to cut carbon.

I'd be grateful if you could share this guide with your councillors and, ideally, raise the council's response to climate change as an agenda item at your next meeting.

You can also download a report showing the scale of action required across the Richmondshire area by [simply entering your post code](#) on our website.

Copy attached.